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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (Oil-for-food)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 24th plenary meeting of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 12 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 6).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 6th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 70* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

New Zealand

Belarus

Ecuador

Cuba

South Africa

Sudan

Viet Nam

Switzerland

Romania

Syrian Arab Republic

Venezuela

Russian Federation

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Qatar

Togo

Kazakhstan

Singapore

United Republic of Tanzania

Cambodia

Australia

Burkina Faso

Paraguay

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.* — 10th meeting — Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [95] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306)

(b) International financial system and development (A/56/173 and Add.1 and 2)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/56/262)

Introduction

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* The briefing on "The State of the World Economy" will take place from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (see p. 3).

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27] (A/56/140)

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108] (A/56/3*, A/56/57-E/2001/5, A/56/73-E/2001/68 and Add.1*, A/56/114-E/2001/93 and Add.1, A/56/169, A/56/180, A/56/288, E/2001/104, A/C.3/56/L.2, A/C.3/56/L.3)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109] (A/56/152)

Conclusion of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]:

Visitors experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 8, paras. 103-113))

Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 6, paras. 80-94))

Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 9, para. 114))

Development Account (A/55/913 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 10, para. 115))

Honorariums (A/56/311)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Private management consulting firms (A/54/702 and A/55/979) and Common services (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/417))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165] (A/56/33, A/56/303 and A/56/330)

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172] (A/56/145, A/C.6/56/L.2)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing disabled person and the family)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering", organized by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands, will be held *today*, 11 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room D. The draft has been sent by fax to all delegations. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on "The State of the World Economy", under the chairmanship of H. E. Mr. Francisco Seixas Da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee, *today*, 11 October 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing will be given by Professor Lawrence Klein, Nobel Laureate and Benjamin Franklin Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 11 October 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 109 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

Morning* - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
Afternoon** - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Second Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on the International Conference on Financing for Development.

ARAB GROUP OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MEMBERS OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

6.15 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Informal meeting

There will be a consultation with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Rapid Deployment and Strategic Deployment Stocks" *today* and *tomorrow*, 11 and 12 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Two letters on this subject, including an information note and materials, were sent to all the members of the Special Committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Michiko Kuroda (room S-3630C; tel.: (212) 963-5440; e-mail: kuroda@un.org).

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2002) *today*, 11 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the proposed format and rules of procedure for the International Conference on Financing for Development *today*, 11 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The proposed format and rules of procedure, which will be contained in the fourth report of the Bureau to the Preparatory Committee, may be accessed on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on a draft resolution on disarmament, organized by the delegation of Myanmar, *today*, 11 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 12 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	24th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/56/372)

(b) List of nominations of the candidates by national groups (A/56/373 and Add.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/56/374 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Corr.2)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Special briefing

There will be a special briefing for members of the Fifth Committee on the work of the International Civil Service Commission by the secretariat of the Commission on Friday, 12 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda Item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda Item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 36th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola will be held on Friday, 12 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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The New York segment of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament will take place from 15 October to 9 November 2001 in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the biennal draft resolution on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the draft resolution on the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, organized by the delegation of Algeria, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers", organized by the delegation of Mexico, on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will hold a briefing for the representatives of Member States on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1, regarding the results of the World Conference Against Racism held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with the resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Financing the New Health Agenda", organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jorge Eduardo Navarrete, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mexico to the United Nations. The panellists will include H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Permanent Mission of Sweden and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee; Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, UNDP; and Dr. Andrew Cassels, Director, Health and Development, WHO, Geneva.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Egypt, Norway, Chile, Costa Rica, Canada, the Czech Republic, Nepal and the United States.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 5th meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, The Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Gibraltar

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. J. J. Bossano, Leader of the Opposition (A/C.4/56/2/Add.1) and Mr. Bryan Zammit, United Nations Association of Gibraltar (A/C.4/56/2).

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Antonio López Ortiz, Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui (A/C.4/56/3), Mr. Felipe Briones Vives, International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara (A/C.4/56/3/Add.1), Ms. Anna María Badia Marti, Professor of International Law, Spain (A/C.4/56/3/Add.2), Mr. José Miguel Barragan Cabrera, Deputy, Parliament of the Canary Islands (A/C.4/56/3/Add.4), Mr. Francisco José Alonso Rodríguez, Human Rights League of Spain (A/C.4/56/3/Add.5), Mr. Miguel Mayol I Raynal, Member of the European Parliament (A/C.4/56/3/Add.6) and Mr. Ahmed Boukhari, Frente Polisario (A/C.4/56/3/Add.7).

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to take action on all draft proposals relating to decolonization and related agenda items on Tuesday, 16 October.

THIRD COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of these items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola, Saint Lucia (on behalf of CARICOM), Bangladesh, Singapore, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Myanmar, the Philippines, Mongolia, Pakistan, Namibia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela.

A statement was made by the representative of UNESCO.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Bank.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [129]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed regarding the consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]

Statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Ecuador, Cuba, Israel, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Argentina, Sierra Leone, Jordan, India, the United States, Indonesia, Poland, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 167.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

The Chairperson of the 2001 session of the Special Committee, Ms. Mirza Cristina Gnecco (Colombia), introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Belarus and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and associated States).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made an announcement.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 259th meeting

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/2001/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur of the Committee made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Pakistan and India.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

44th meeting

The President declared opened the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council 2001.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council decided to grant observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI)

After the adoption of the decision, the representatives of Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made statements.

Organizational matters

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

The President informed the Council that the next informal consultations would be on Monday, 22 October 2001, at 3 p.m.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2001

743rd and 744th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Uzbekistan (CRC/C/41/Add.8).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2001

745th and 746th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Cape Verde (CRC/C/11/Add.23).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2001

7th meeting

Special segment on the implementation of the Convention

The Conference held an interactive dialogue session and heard statements by the representatives of Swaziland, Denmark, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Sweden, Mauritania, South Africa, Ghana, Lesotho, Burundi, Australia, Benin, Eritrea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, India, Uganda, Lebanon, Belgium, Egypt, Switzerland, Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Canada, as well as the representatives of the European Commission and the World Bank.

The President made concluding remarks.

Organization of work

The President made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

8th meeting

The Conference continued its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard statements by H.E. Mr. Noah Katana Ngala, Minister for the Environment of Kenya; Sr. José Antonio Rodriguez Oruña, Diputado a la Asamblea Nacional del Poder Popular de Cuba; H.E. Dr. Hien Fidele, Minister of Environment and Water of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Said Kabir, Minister of Environment of Nigeria; S.E. M. Hassan Maaouni, Ministre délégué chargé des eaux et des forêts du Maroc; H.E. Mr. Mohammad Samadi, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Head of Forest and Range Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mrs. Anna Nyanmekye, Deputy Minister for Environment, Science and Technology, Member of Parliament of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Ali Abadallah, Minister of Agriculture of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Alphonse, Minister for Environment of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Arefaine Berhe, Minister of Agriculture of Eritrea; H.E. Mrs. Mathabiso Lepono, Minister of Environment, Gender and Youth Affairs of Lesotho; H.E. Dr. Alfred B. Sesay, Minister of the Environment of Sierra Leone; H.E. Ms. Mary Mugyenyi, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Roy Fanourakis, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Swaziland; H.E. Mr. Ali Ben Saad Al-Tokhais, Deputy Minister for Water Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Water of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Bernard Fautrier, Ministre plénipotentiaire chargé de la coopération internationale pour l'environnement et le développement de Monaco; H.E. Ms. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Murat Mussatayev, Vice-Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. B. T. Koshmatov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Belgacem Henchi, Vice-Minister of Environment of Tunisia; H.E. Mr. Dan Nielsen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark; H.E. M. Philippe Petit, Head of delegation of France; Mr. Toshiyuki Taga, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations Office in Geneva; Sr. Alberto I. Glender Rivas, Dirección General para Asuntos Multilaterales; Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales of Mexico; Mr. Hernán Cabrera Francisdakis, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Forest Development of Bolivia; Mr. Dore Abdoulaye, Director of Office for Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea; Mrs. Kristalina Georgieva, Director, Environment Department of the World Bank; Mr. Arnulf Muller-Helmbrecht, Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS); M. Musa M'Benga, Executive Secretary of Comité permanent inter-États de lutte contre la sécheresse dans le Sahel (CILSS); Mr. Amamou Mohamed, Secretary-General of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU); and Mr. Souley Yacouba Maiga, Groupement des aides privées (GAP).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Review of the Outcome of World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance". The briefing will feature Ms. Susan Markham, Spokesperson for the Conference, Chief, Promotion and Planning Service, Department of Public Information; Mr. George Mene, Ambassador of South Africa to the Commission on Human Rights and other international organizations; and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held *today*, 11 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 11 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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